

CLAIMS

1           1.     A key ring comprising  
2           a key-holding ring,  
3           a band,  
4           a D-ring coupling said band to said key-holding ring,  
5           said D-ring having a U-shaped portion engaging the key-holding ring and a bar  
6           between the ends of the U-shaped portion and engaging the band.

1           2.     A key ring in accordance with claim 1 wherein the band is a web of material  
2           looped through the D-ring and joined at its ends.

1           3.     A key ring in accordance with claim 2 and further comprising a clamp at the  
2           ends of said web of material.

1           4.     A key ring in accordance with claim 2 wherein the web portions are fastened  
2           together for most of their length to define an opening accommodating the bar of the D-ring so  
3           that the D-ring may rotate about the axis of the bar through an angle of nearly 360 degrees  
4           and the key-holding ring may ride along the inside portion of the U-shaped portion of the D-  
5           ring about an axis perpendicular to the axis of the bar and perpendicular to the band for  
6           substantially 180 degrees.

1           5.     A key ring in accordance with claim 3 wherein the clamp width is  
2           substantially the same as the width of the band.

1           6.     A key ring in accordance with claim 1 wherein said key-holding ring is a  
2           spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span and said bar is formed with a gap

intermediate its ends of width about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

7. A key ring in accordance with claim 2 wherein said key-holding ring is a spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span and said bar is formed with a gap intermediate its ends of width about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

8. A key ring in accordance with claim 3 wherein said key-holding ring is a spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span and said bar is formed with a gap intermediate its ends of width about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

9. A key ring in accordance with claim 4 wherein said key-holding ring is a spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span and said bar is formed with a gap intermediate its ends of width about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

10. A key ring in accordance with claim 5 wherein said key-holding ring is a spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span and said bar is formed with a gap intermediate its ends of width about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-ring during assembly.

11. A method of making a key ring that includes a key-holding ring that is a spiral ring of material having a cross-sectional span, a band, a D-ring coupling said band to said key-holding ring and having a U-shaped portion engaging the key-holding ring and a bar

4 between the ends of the U-shaped portion formed with a gap intermediate its ends of width  
5 about that of said span to allow said key-holding ring to pass through said gap into said D-  
6 ring during assembly, comprising,

7 passing the key-holding ring through the gap into the D-ring,

8 and passing the band through the D-ring.